

Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, beginning his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives, has been selected to serve on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He will also continue his service on the House Foreign Affairs and Agriculture Committees.

“Strict oversight of government programs, spending and operations is now more crucial than ever,” Fortenberry said. “Americans deserve a smart government that delivers efficient services while wisely using taxpayer dollars. As a new member of the important Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I am committed to working towards this goal.”

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. It has authority to investigate the subjects within the Committee's legislative jurisdiction (governmental operations) as well as any matter within the jurisdiction of the other standing House Committees.

“Other top priorities for this Congress are national security and global stability, and fostering agricultural entrepreneurship and rural vitality,” said Fortenberry. “I look forward to continuing the critical work of protecting our nation and promoting justice and human rights throughout the world with my colleagues on the Foreign Affairs Committee. On the Agriculture Committee, I will continue to pursue policies that promote agricultural diversification, ag-based energy production, and conservation and land stewardship, helping Nebraska grow as a national leader in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.”

There are 21 permanent committees in the U.S. House of Representatives. The congressional process for approving legislation rests on a system of committee evaluation to determine the public benefits of potential legislation before it is considered on the House Floor.

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